UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MONTANA GREAT FALLS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Case No. CR-14-10-GF-BMM-JTJ

Plaintiff.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING PLEA

VS.

RUEBEN FRIESEN,

Defendant.

The Defendant, by consent, has appeared before me under Fed. R. Crim. P.

11 and has entered a plea of guilty to one count of travel with intent to engage in

illicit sexual conduct, as set forth in the Indictment. After examining the

Defendant under oath, I have made the following determinations:

- 1. That the Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed and voluntary plea,
- 2. That the Defendant is aware of the nature of the charge against him and consequences of pleading guilty to the charge,
- 3. That the Defendant fully understands he constitutional rights, and the extent to which he is waiving those rights by pleading guilty, and
 - 4. That the plea of guilty is a knowing and voluntary plea, supported by an

independent basis in fact sufficient to prove each of the essential elements of the count charged.

The Court further concludes that the Defendant had adequate time to review the Plea Agreement with counsel, that he fully understands each and every provision of the agreement and that all of the statements in the Plea Agreement are true. Therefore, I recommend that the Defendant be adjudged guilty of the criminal Charge set forth in the Indictment, and that sentence be imposed.

This report is forwarded with the recommendation that the Court defer

a decision regarding acceptance until the Court has reviewed the Plea

Agreement and the presentence report.

DATED this 5th day of March, 2015.

John Johnston

United States Magistrate Judge